THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VIAS): (a) The system adopted consists of spoken English with mixed conventional signs.

(b) No specific complaint has been received about the manner of the presentation of this news bulletin.

(f) The Ali Yavar Jung National Institute, Bombay for the Hearing Handicapped is the apex national level institute providing training and rehabilitative service to the speech and bearing impaired in different parts of the country. The teaching training undertaken is more advanced than the methodelogy of conventional sings used in Doordarshans news bulletin.

(d) Doordarshan has not conducted any study in this regard.

Introduction of Hindi Channel through Star T.V.

460. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the introduction of Hindi Channel through Star T.V. has posed a threat to the Indian Broadcasting services;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government on such move by a foreign based TV company;

(c) whether Government propose to contemplate any concrete steps to face the challange of the foreign TV networks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Doordarshan constantly endeavours to bring about a qualitative improvement in its programme content and format so as to sustain the interest of its viewers.

Leasing out a transponder on foreign satellite

461. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to permit the Doordarshan or any other suitable Indian organization to lease a transponder on a foreign satellite with food prints in neighbouring countries for uplinking the Indian programmes;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c) Doordarshan has been taking on lease transponders on foreign satellites for quite some-time keeping in view their programme requirements. A few Indian companies have, also, informed the Government that they are negotiating with foreign companies the possibilities of leasing transponders on foreign satellites with a view to telecasting programmes. However, no formal applications have been made to Government in this regard so far.

केबल टी० वी० और डिश एंटीना के संबंध में अंतर-विभागीय समिति द्वारा नियमों का बनाया जाना

462. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय** : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केबल टी० वी० तथा डिश एन्टीना के संबंध में नियम बनाने के लिये सरकार द्वारा गठित की गई अंतरविभागीय समिति ने सरकार को अपनी सिफारिशें पेश कर दी हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और